

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A telecommunications system, comprising:
a voice message storage and retrieval unit;
a Caller ID data recording unit configured to record Caller ID data from callers calling said system, the caller Caller ID data including a calling party number, the Caller ID data recording unit being associated with a first call control system;
an interface configured to transmit the recorded Caller ID data to a remote location when [[the]] recorded messages are retrieved; and
a second call control system local to a remote caller calling the system and configured to receive the transmitted Caller ID data;
wherein said second call control system includes a Caller ID storage and retrieval unit configured to cause the transmitted calling party number included in the received Caller ID data to be called by said second call control system, said second call control system being a call control system more closely connected to the remote caller than the first call control system.

16. (Previously Presented) A system in accordance with claim 15 wherein said second call control system is a PBX.

17. **(Previously Presented)** A system in accordance with claim 15 wherein said second call control system is a telephony-over-LAN (ToL) gatekeeper.

18. **(Previously Presented)** A system in accordance with claim 15 wherein said second call control system is a wireless carrier system.

19. **(Previously Presented)** A system in accordance with claim 15 wherein said second call control system is a central office.

20. **(Canceled)**

21. **(Currently Amended)** A telecommunications method, comprising:
 - recording messages from callers calling an answering device;
 - recording Caller ID data from the callers calling said answering device, the caller Caller ID data including a calling party number, the answering device being associated with a local call control system;
 - transmitting the recorded Caller ID data to a remote location when the recorded messages are retrieved by a remote caller; and
 - wherein said transmitting comprises transmitting the recorded Caller ID data to an apparatus in a remote call control system wherein said remote call control system includes a Caller ID storage and retrieval unit configured to cause the transmitted calling party number included in the received Caller ID data to be called by said remote call control system, said remote call control system being a call control system more closely connected to the remote caller than the first call control system.

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22. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 21 wherein said remote call control system is a PBX.

23. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 21 wherein said remote call control system is a telephony-over-LAN (ToL) Gatekeeper.

24. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 21 wherein said remote call control system is a wireless carrier system.

25. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 21 wherein said remote call control system is a central office.

26. **(Currently Amended)** A telecommunications system, comprising:
- a voice message storage and retrieval unit;
 - a Caller ID data recording unit configured to record Caller ID data from callers calling said system, the caller Caller ID data including a calling party number, the Caller ID data recording unit being associated with a first call control system;
 - an interface configured to transmit the recorded Caller ID data to a remote location when the recorded messages are retrieved; and
 - a second call control system local to a remote caller calling the system and configured to receive the transmitted Caller ID data from the Caller ID data recording unit associated with the first call control system;
- wherein said second call control system includes a Caller ID storage and retrieval unit configured to cause the transmitted calling party number included in the received Caller ID data to be called by said second call control system, said second call control system being a call control system more closely connected to the remote caller than the first call control system;
- wherein said ~~second~~ remote caller includes a telephone having no caller ID device intelligence.